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Floral Magazine, as indicated by press counters

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The Finest Novelty of the Season Is Yours Without Money or Price!



ACALYPHA SANDERIANA.

Acalypha Sanderiana, the new plant found in the Bismarck Archipelago, is undoubtedly the finest and most distinct flowering plant introduced for years. It is easily grown, a real novelty, always in bloom. The fluffy, rosy-crimson "tails" are often a foot long, and retain their beauty several months. Small plants have been selling at \$2.00 each, and the demand is such that many florists fear to offer it this season, lest the supply should not be equal to the demand. I have contracted for several thousands of these plants, and until March 10th, or as long as they last I will mail one free and postpaid to every person who will send me a club of 25 trial subscribers to the FLORAL MAGAZINE at 10 cents each. Each member of the club will get as a premium either 14 pkts. of Choice Flower Seeds or 10 pkts. of Choice Vegetable Seeds, and the agent will get 25 pkts. of Choice Flower or 25 pkts. of Choice Vegetable Seeds for getting up the club—the plant being a special premium, entirely free. Will you not send for blank lists, sample copies, and booklets describing the premium seeds, and go to work at once? This offer of Acalypha will hold only till March 10th, so do not delay, but send for an outfit at once. Address

GEO. W. PARK,
Libonia, Frank. Co., Pa.

P. S.—If you cannot get up the club I will mail the Acalypha, one plant for \$1.00, or 6 plants for \$5.00. Club with your neighbors and order six plants.—G. W. P.

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\$150.00 PER MONTH AND EXPENSES MADE BY ALL OUR ACTIVE MEN. WE PAY MANY FAR MORE.

WE WANT MEN IN EVERY COUNTY

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We are the LARGEST TAILORS in America.

We make over 300,000 suits annually. We occupy entire one of the largest business blocks in Chicago. We refer you to the Corn Exchange National Bank in Chicago, any Express or Railroad Co. in Chicago, any resident of Chicago. Before engaging with us, write to any friend in Chicago and ask them to come and see us, then write you if it is a rare opportunity to secure steady, high-class, big-paying employment. **BETTER STILL**—come to Chicago yourself and see us before engaging and satisfy yourself regarding every word we say. You can get big pay. Work in your spare days in the year and you can't get \$5 every day above all expenses.

ENGAGE YOU to take orders to-Order-and-Measure Custom (Men's) Suits, Pants and We put you in the way to from almost every man in your country, a business better than a store with a \$20,000.00 stock. You will have no competition.

WE ARE THE LARGEST TAILORS IN AMERICA

Of Fine Custom-Made Garments. We buy our cloth direct from the largest European and American Mills. We control the product of several Woolen Mills. We operate the most extensive and economic custom tailoring plant in existence, thus reducing the price of Suits and Overcoats made to order to \$5.00 and upward; Pants from \$1.50 to \$5.00. We show a large line of suits at from \$5.00 to \$8.00. Prices so low that nearly everyone in your county will be glad to have their suits **MADE TO ORDER.**

WE FURNISH YOU

a large, handsome, leather-bound book, containing large cloth samples of our entire line of Suits, Pantaloons, etc., a book which COSTS US SEVERAL DOLLARS; also Fine Colored Fashion Plates, Instruction book, Tape Measure, Business Cards, Stationery, Advertising Matter, and your name and address on rubber stamp with pad complete. We also furnish you a Salesman's Net Confidential Price List. The prices are left blank under each description so you can fill in your own selling prices, arranging your profit to suit yourself. As soon as you receive your sample book and general outfit, read our book of instructions carefully, which teaches you how to take orders, and marked in your selling price, you are ready for business and can begin taking orders from every one. At your low prices, business men, farmers and in fact every one will order their suits made. You can take several orders every day at \$1.00.

EVERY ONE WILL BE ASTONISHED AT YOUR LOW PRICES.

YOU REQUIRE NO MONEY. Just take the orders and send them to us, and we will make the garments within 5 days and send direct to your customers by express O. D., subject to examination and approval, at your selling price, and collect your full selling price, and every week we will send you a check for all your profit. You need collect no money, deliver no goods, simply go on taking orders, adding a liberal profit and we deliver the goods, collect all the money and every week promptly send you in one round check for your full profit for the week. **NEARLY ALL OUR GOOD MEN GET A CHECK FROM US OF AT LEAST \$40.00 every week in the first year.**

THE OUTFIT IS FREE. We make no charge for the book and complete outfit, but as each outfit costs US SEVERAL DOLLARS, to protect ourselves against many who would impose on us by sending for the outfit with no intention of working, but merely out of idle curiosity, as a GUARANTEE OF GOOD FAITH on the part of EVERY APPLICANT, we require you to fill out the blank lines below, giving the names of two parties as reference, and further agreeing to pay, merely as a temporary deposit, ONE DOLLAR and express charges for the outfit, when received, if found as represented and really a sure way of making big wages. The \$1.00 you agree to pay when outfit is received does not begin to pay the cost to us, but insures as you mean business. **WE WILL REFUND YOUR \$1.00 as soon as your orders have amounted to \$25.00.** Which amount you can take the first day you work.

Fill out the following lines carefully, sign your name, cut out and send to us, and the outfit will be sent you at once.

AMERICAN WOOLEN MILLS CO., West Side Enterprise Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

GENTLEMEN:—Please send me by express, C. O. D., subject to examination, your Sample Book and Complete Salesman's Outfit, as described above. I agree to examine it at the express office and if found exactly as represented and I feel I can make good big wages taking orders for you, I agree to pay the express agent, as a guarantee of good faith, and to show I mean business (merely as a temporary deposit), One Dollar and express charges, with the understanding the One Dollar is to be refunded to me as soon as my sales have amounted to \$25.00. If not found as represented and I am not perfectly satisfied I shall not take the outfit or pay one cent.

Sign your name on above line.

Name of Postoffice, County and State on above line.

Your age

Married or single

Address your letters plainly to

On above two lines give as reference, names of two men over 21 years of age who have known you one year or longer.

On above line give name of your nearest express office.

AMERICAN WOOLEN MILLS CO., West Side Enterprise Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

FOR 30 DAYS YOU CAN TRY IT FOR 25 CENTS.

5 DROPS

Rheumatism, La Grippe.

In Better Health Than for the Past Fifty Years.

(TRADE MARK.)

Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co., Chicago. Dear Sirs:—It is just about one year ago when I first commenced using your "5 DROPS" for Nervous Rheumatism, Catarrh in the head and Bronchitis. I was so bad that I could not eat at all, in bed or anywhere else; my Nerves were all in a quiver; and my Liver and Kidneys were all out of order; in fact, I was so bad that I had to raise up in bed from five to twelve times in one night to get my breath and to keep from choking, but to-day I am heartier and in better health than I have been for the past fifty years. Others are using it here with wonderful results and still more calling for it.

Yours truly, GEORGE YEAGER, Portland, Ind., Feb. 17, 1898.

IT IS THE BEST RHEUMATIC MEDICINE ON EARTH.

Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co., Chicago. Gentlemen:—I received the order all right, for which I send thanks. I am still taking the "5 DROPS," and am gaining every day—haven't felt so well for ten years. I have used all kinds of medicines, but have never found anything that has done for me what "5 DROPS" has. Our stage-driver brings my medicine to me from Sharon, and he brings it very carefully, for he thinks there is no medicine on earth like "5 DROPS." He is using it for Rheumatism; he has only used it for three weeks and it has done wonders for him. He couldn't harness his horses without sitting down a number of times, and it has stopped all the pain in his limbs.

MRS. GEO. H. BOWELL, Strafford, Vermont, Feb. 13, 1898.

"5 DROPS" cures Rheumatism, Sciatica, Neuralgia, Dyspepsia, Backache, Asthma, Hay Fever, Catarrh, Sleeplessness, Nervousness, Nervous and Neuralgic Headaches, Earache, Toothache, Heart Weakness, Croup, Swelling, La Grippe, Malaria, Creeping Numbness.

FOR THIRTY DAYS LONGER to enable sufferers to give "5 DROPS" at least a trial, we will send a sample bottle, prepaid by mail, for 25 cents. A sample bottle will convince you. Also large bottles (300 doses) \$1.00, 3 bottles for \$2.50. Not sold by druggists, only by us and our agents. Agents wanted in new territory. Write us to-day.

SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE CO., 167-169 Dearborn St., CHICAGO, ILL.

When answering this advertisement please mention Park's Floral Magazine.

BRIEF ANSWERS.

Peperomia.—There are several varieties of Peperomia, but the two most attractively marked and easily grown are P. maculosa and P. arifolia. The leaves of these upon well-grown specimens are large, fleshy and beautifully variegated, and a large pot plant is almost as showy as a Rex Begonia. The flowers are creamy white, and produced in feathery panicles in early spring. A porous, loamy soil, well drained and moderately watered suits these plants. If kept too wet about the roots the plants will not thrive. Being of a succulent nature they will endure a dry atmosphere better than many of the window plants, and the temperature of the living room will be found congenial to them. Propagation is effected by leaves, and by division. The same treatment will apply to Sansevieria Zeylanica.

Acalypha.—The species of Acalypha found in greenhouses usually do better in summer if given a rest during winter. In resting do not dry off the plants entirely. Give them water enough to keep the roots and branches firm. In the South they appear well bedded out, and are more firm and durable than Coleus. A. Macleania is the best of the variegated sorts, the foliage having the colors of richly variegated autumn leaves.



4 BUGGY WHEELS-\$6.50

HIGH GRADE, SARVEN'S PATENT, tread and banded, height 3 ft. 4 in., 3 ft. 8 in. or 4 ft. Spokes 1 1/4 in. or 1 1/2 in. For any other size send for catalogue. Cut this ad out and send to us with ONE DOLLAR, state size wheel wanted and we will send them by freight C.O.D. EXAMINE THEM at your freight depot and then pay freight agent balance, \$5.50, and freight charges.

WE SELL Buggy tops at \$6.95, Wagon Umbrellas, \$1.50, Ironed Buggy Poles, painted, \$3.25, Ironed, Buggy Shafts, painted, \$2.00, Ironed Neck Yokes, each, \$3.00, Ironed Wagon Singletrees, 17C, 19C, and 27C, Ironed Wagon Eveners, each, 42C, Trimmed Buggy Neck Yokes, 35C, Top Buggies \$23.95 and up. Send for FREE BUGGY CATALOGUE. SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO. (Inc.) CHICAGO, ILL.

\$2.45



\$2.45 GOLD PLATED

Cut this ad. out and send to us. SEND NO MONEY and we will send you this watch by express, C. O. D. subject to examination. You can examine it at your express office and if found perfectly satisfactory, exactly as represented and in every way equal to watches that are being advertised at \$3.75 to \$6.75 under such misleading descriptions as Elgin \$10, American Style, Gold Filled or Look Like \$20.00 to \$30.00 Gold Filled Watches, etc. If you find it the equal or better than any of these watches, pay the express agent OUR PRICE, \$2.45 and express charges.

Don't be Deceived

by catchy advertisements which would lead you to believe you could get a \$25.00 or \$50.00 watch

for \$2.75 to \$6.75, when we sell the same watch for \$2.45. OUR \$2.45 WATCH is gent's' full 18-size Hunting Case or Screw Back and Barrel

proof Open Face, stem wind and set, gold plated, handsomely engraved and polished, looks like a high-grade gold filled and is a great trading watch, movement is a nickel 7-jeweled stem wind American, warranted, and a good time-keeper. For Watches from 95 cents up, gold-filled watches \$3.75 and up, write for free Watch and Jewelry Catalogue.

Address, SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO. (Inc.), Chicago

(Sears, Roebuck & Co. are thoroughly reliable.)

\$3 a Day Sure

furnish the work and teach you free; you work in the locality where you live. Send us your address and we will explain the business fully; remember we guarantee a clear profit of \$3 for every day's work; absolutely sure; write at once.

ROYAL MANUFACTURING CO., Box 667, DETROIT, MICH.



COMBINATION DIPPER. Seven useful articles in one. Samples FREE, prepaid, to AGENTS. Other articles new and catchy. Write, postal will do. RUNDALL MFY., CORNING, N. Y.



MARKET ASTER.



MIGNONETTE.



PANSY.



SCHIZANTHUS.



TEN WEEKS' STOCK.

All For 10 Cts.

I want everyone who loves and cultivates flowers to become acquainted with this **MAGAZINE**, and to further extend its circulation and influence I make this unparalleled offer: Send me ten cents, and I will mail my **MAGAZINE** three months on trial and the following fine collection of **14 packets**

Choice Flower Seeds.

Aster, Queen of the Market, a superb early-flowering variety; finest double; all colors; 23 sorts mixed.
Chrysanthemum, Annual, superb double and single flowers, in great profusion; 25 kinds mixed.
Lobelia, New Perpetual-flowering, rich blue, fine for baskets or edgings; fine also for vases.
Mignonette, Giant Red-flowered, fine ever-blooming variety; superb spikes of sweet, brilliant bloom.
Nasturtium, Climbing, richly colored and of the most delicious fragrance; 15 fine varieties mixed.
Nicotiana affinis, the most deliciously fragrant white flower in cultivation; blooms continuously.
Pansy, New English-faced, fragrant, giant-flowered; a strain of surpassing excellence; 25 sorts mixed.
Petunia, New Rich Bedding, superb flowers, beautifully and strikingly marked; 25 varieties mixed.
Pinks, New Japan; splendid, large blooms, magnificent markings; finest single and double, mixed.
Poppy, New Dwarf Paony-flowered, magnificent double flowers in gorgeous colors; 13 sorts mixed.
Schizanthus, the Butterfly Flower; the blossoms appear as a swarm of gorgeous butterflies; 15 sorts.
Sweet Peas, New Large-flowered, in all the finest shades and colors; 24 superb sorts in mixture.
Ten Weeks' Stock, New Large-flowered, finest double, all the attractive shades; seeds saved from pot-grown plants by German specialist; 33 sorts.
Zinnia, New Lilliput Bouquet, finest double; flowers profusely and continuously; superb colors, mixed.

10 cents pays for the above 14 packets choice Flower Seeds, packed in richly-illustrated chromo seed-bags with full cultural directions, also PARK'S FLORAL GUIDE and PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE, trial subscription. The seeds are alone worth \$1.00. There are none better. The MAGAZINE is entirely floral, original and practical, and a favorite everywhere. For 10 cents you thus get a whole flower garden and full information about its treatment. Order now. Tell your friends.

Liberal Club Offers.

Any of the following for a club of two (20 cts.); five packets for club of five (50 cts.); or all for a club of twelve (\$1.20):

Aster, New Japanese Comet, large double, all sorts.
Pansy, Giant Fragrant, all colors, mostly fragrant.
Daisy, Double, Improved Large-flowered, all shades.
Celosia, Improved Plume-flowered, exquisite colors.
Carnation, Improved Margaret, richest colors.
Forget-me-not, New Victoria, mixed colors.
Poppy, French Ranunculus, double, all shades.
Phlox Drummondii, Cuspidate and Fringed.
Salpiglossis, Large-flowered, attractive. Mixed.
Feverfew, Imp. Double, pure white, for pots or beds.
Morning Glory, Imp. Large-flowered, new colors.
Complete Mixture of 1,000 sorts.

I want a club of at least 25 subscribers from every Postoffice, and offer money and seeds and bulbs for such a club. As the premiums are liberal such a club can be obtained by anyone in a few hours. Send for my circular—"Money and Flowers," together with blank lists, sample copies and confidential terms. You will be astonished at the liberal offer I will send you. Write at once. Don't delay the work a day. Address

GEO. W. PARK,
Libonia, Franklin Co., Pa.

WATCHES AS PREMIUMS

For a club of 25 trial subscribers at 10cts. each (\$2.50), I will send to the agent by mail, postpaid, a handsome watch suitable for a boy, or for the kitchen or bed room. Retail price \$1.00. For 35 subscribers (\$3.50) I will mail a stem-wind watch, suitable for a man or for a room. Retail price \$1.50. Both these watches are good timekeepers, and will be found reliable.



CHRYSANTHEMUM.



NASTURTium.



JAPAN PINKS.



SWEET PEAS.



BOUQUET ZINNIA.

CHOICE VEGETABLE SEEDS.

For 10 Cents I send these Choice Vegetable Seeds—10 well-filled packets, fresh, first-class, and of the very best sorts. There are none better. Trial subscription to Magazine included, if you are not already a subscriber. See your friends and neighbors and get up a club. Read the list:

Beet, Improved Edmand.

A perfect Beet for family use, surpassing all others. It is early, of large size, blood-red, never woody, but always tender, very sweet, rich and melting. Very productive and keeps well till spring. Use it once and you will have no other. Per oz. 5 cents, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 12 cents.

Cabbage, Select Early Jersey Wakefield.

This is the earliest Cabbage in cultivation, and the strain offered bears heads almost twice the size of the Common Wakefield Cabbage, while it is short-stemmed, very solid, and can be used throughout the season. It is sure to head, and is sweet, crisp and delicious, either raw or cooked. It is certainly the best early Cabbage. Per oz. 15 cents, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 40 cents.

Cabbage, Excelsior Late Flat Dutch.

For the main crop this is the best of all varieties of Cabbage. Every plant forms an immense, solid head, sweet, crisp, tender, does not often burst, and keeps well throughout winter. It can truly be called Excelsior, as there is not another late variety that can excel it in any respect, no matter how highly described or how wonderful its history. This is the best late Cabbage. Nothing can be better than the best. Per oz. 12 cts, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 40 cts.

Cucumber, Improved White Spine.

The most desirable of Cucumbers, either for slicing or pickling. Medium in size, early, very prolific, handsome in appearance, crisp and tender. It has no equal. Per ounce 5 cents, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 15 cents.

Lettuce, Improved Hanson.

A very superior Lettuce, coming early, and continuing tender and usable longer than any other sort. The leaves are beautifully curled and crimped, rich greenish golden yellow, densely arranged, and devoid of the unpleasant bitterness of most sorts. Oz. 8 cents, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 30 cts.

Onion, Wethersfield Early Red.

This is a superior Onion, that matures early, yielding large, solid, mild-flavored bulbs that keep well till Onions come again. It produces large bulbs from seeds the first season when sown early, thinned and cultivated. For sets sow thickly. Per oz. 10 cents, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 35 cents.

Muskmelon, Emerald Gem.

From repeated trials we believe the Emerald Gem is the best Muskmelon for the family garden. The melons are not large, but the vines are hardy and prolific, as easily grown as a Cucumber, and every melon will ripen sweet and delicious, even in locations where other sorts are worthless. A trial will convince you of its merits. Per ounce 5 cents, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 15 cents.

Radish, Choice Mixture.

For the family garden a mixture of early, medium and late sorts is most satisfactory, as the Radish bed will thus supply the table throughout the season. I offer a first-class mixture of the best sorts, that will be sure to please. Per ounce 5 cents, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 15 cents.

Parsnip, Improved Sugar.

This is not the old-fashioned long, slim, late Parsnip, but a greatly improved variety, large, thick, short, early maturing, of fine texture and very sugary. It is unexcelled, and always satisfactory. The seeds offered are fresh, and can be depended upon for a fine crop. Per ounce 5 cents, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb 10 cts.

Tomato, Improved Beauty.

A very early Tomato, large, smooth and solid, borne in fine clusters, sweet, and of high flavor. Does not wrinkle, rot or crack, as many early Tomatoes do. Excellent for either slicing or canning. Unsurpassed as an all-round sort for the family garden. Per ounce 15 cts., $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 50 cts.

The above 10 packets Choicest Vegetables only 10 cents, and trial subscription to MAGAZINE, if not already a subscriber. Ask your friends to send with you. If not satisfied when you get the seeds return them and I will refund your money. To encourage club orders I will send one of the following for each additional order you may send, or all, 16 packets, for a club of 15 (\$1.50): Asparagus, Snap Bean, Carrot, Paschal Celery, Country Gentleman Sweet Corn, Egg Plant, Kohl Rabi, Melon, Parsley, McLean's Gem Pea, Squash, Stone Tomato, Salsify, Turnip, Rutabaga, Spinach. Any packet 3 cents, or all, including the 10-cent collection (26 pkts.), for only 25 cents. You can secure enough seeds for a large vegetable garden by a half hour's work among your friends. Address **GEO. W. PARK, Libonia, Franklin Co., Pa.**

PLEASE NOTE.—26 packets Best Vegetables, all different, a complete garden, only 25 cts. See list above.



BEET.



EARLY CABBAGE.



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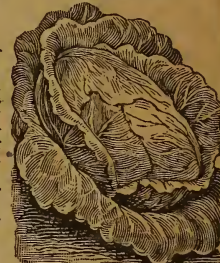
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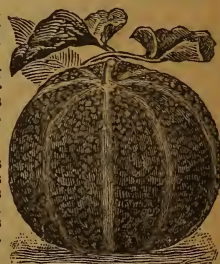
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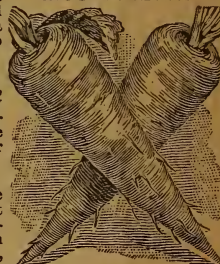
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LATE CABBAGE.



MUSKMELON.



PARSNIP.



TOMATO.

Maule's Seeds

Enjoy a reputation second to none. Every progressive man or woman who has a farm, a garden or only a small window box to look after, should have my new catalogue for 1899 before purchasing their supply of seeds, plants or bulbs. It is mailed free to any one. It will save you money, time and labor, whether you purchase 10 cents or \$10.00 worth of seeds, plants, etc. To give all readers of PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE an opportunity to try Maule's Seeds at a nominal sum, I make the following offers:

6 CHOICE FLOWERS FOR 15 CENTS.

Maule's Banner Collection for 1899

Consists of one packet each of the following choice flowers:
PANSY, NEW MAMMOTH PARISIAN, STAINED AND STRIPED.—Vividly striped and distinctly beautiful; worth 25 cents.
NEW HARDY SWEET PEA, PINK BEAUTY.—A very fine flower. Blooms grow in clusters and are very attractive.
BUTTERFLY FLOWER.—A grand annual with beautiful blooms. All colors and types in this superb mixture.
POPPY, DOUBLE P. EONY FLOWERED, SNOWBALL.—Largest flowers of matchless splendor.

NEW DOUBLE PINK FIREBALL.—A popular, quick blooming annual. Rich, unsurpassed, velvety blood red flowers.
VERBENA, GIANT STRIPED AND MOTTLED.—Large flowers and beautiful colors. As large as a 25-cent piece.

One packet of each of the above selected for ease of culture and beautiful results. 70 cents worth for only 15 cents.

**6
Packets of
Flower
Seeds
for 15 cts.**

**10
Packets of
New
Sweet Peas
for 20 cts.**

Maule's Up-to-Date Collection of

10 NEW SWEET PEAS FOR 20 CENTS.

Ten packets of the very finest assortment of mammoth flowering varieties of this ever popular and pleasing flower.
AURORA.—White, flaked and striped orange salmon.
COQUETTE.—Deep primrose, tinted purplish rose.
DOROTHY TENNANT.—Beautiful clear heliotrope.
EMILY HENDERSON.—The hardest pure white.
EXTRA EARLY BLANCHE FERRY.—The earliest of all.
GRAY FRIAR.—Watered purple on white ground.
MARS.—Bright fiery crimson. Best yet.
METEOR.—Bright orange salmon with pink wings.
RAMONA.—Creamy white, splashed with pink.
STANLEY.—The best dark Sweet Pea. Deep maroon.

One packet of each of the 10 New Sweet Peas named above for only 20 cents. Well worth 75 cents.

6 VEGETABLES FOR 15 CENTS.

Maule's 1899 Vegetable Offer for everybody comprises one full size packet of the following sterling vegetables. My catalogue price by single packets, 45 cts.
BEET, MARKET GARDENER'S.—An all season's beet.
CARROT, LONG LEMON STUMP ROOTED.—Sweet fine flavor.
CUCUMBER, PERFECTED JERSEY PICKLE.—A very fine variety. Esteemed as a pickle or for slicing.

ONION, MAULE'S YELLOW GLOBE DANVERS.—A selected strain of this old favorite. Fine in flavor and texture.
RADISH, EARLIEST SNOWBALL.—A quick growing, pure white sort, brittle, globe shape. Matures less than 20 days.
TOMATO, ROYAL RED.—Bright color, good size, fine flavor.

I will mail, postpaid, to any address one packet of each of the above desirable vegetables for only 15 cents.

**6
Packets of
Vegetable
Seeds
for 15 cts.**

\$1.90 for 50 Cents.

All three of the above collections, 22 packets in all, sent to any address for 50 cents.

MY NEW CATALOGUE FOR 1899—FREE

To all seed purchasers. It contains everything good, old or new, in seeds, plants and bulbs, etc. Hundreds of illustrations, four colored plates. Complete up-to-date cultural directions. Full of business from cover to cover. It is pronounced by all the brightest and best seed book of the year, and you need it before placing your order for 1899. It is mailed free to all who mention they saw this advertisement in PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE. Address

WM. HENRY MAULE,
 1711 Filbert Street, Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A.

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EASTER LILIES.

These Easter Lilies in my window growing,
Are tokens of His love,
Whose gentle heart with pity overflowing,
Forsook the throne above,
To share our sorrows, and the grave to quicken,
Arising from its gloom
That we might rise: O weary one grief-stricken,
Behold the Lilies bloom,
And know thy loved and lost ones are but
sleeping,
As slept those flowers of mine,
To walk in beauty. Trust them to His keeping
Whose glory is divine.

Ruth Raymond.

Bradford Co., Pa., Nov. 23, 1898.

THE TEN WEEKS' STOCK.

AN annual flower entirely too much neglected is the Ten Weeks' Stock, a bouquet of which is represented in the accompanying illustration. This

annual possesses nearly or quite all the requisites of a perfect flowering plant, which are ease of propagation and culture, free and continuous blooming, with flowers of graceful form, delicate texture, rich and varied colors, pleasingly attractive, and most deliciously scented. When we consider that the double Ten Weeks' Stock has all of these merits, it seems strange that a bed of the plants should not be found in every garden.

There are a great many varieties of this fine annual, some of them blooming in summer, others in the fall, and some not until winter. For the amateur cultivator the early flowering or summer Stock will be found the most de-

sirable. It is mostly catalogued as Dwarf Early-flowering German, and in buying the seeds get only those which have been saved from pot-grown plants. The Germans have for many years produced the bulk of Ten Weeks' Stock seeds, and as yet their product is regarded as the best that can be obtained. Buy only the best seeds. Those of inferior quality are only a source of disappointment.

Sow the seeds thinly in a box in the window, or in a hotbed, early in spring, and give the plants careful attention, thinning them if they crowd, keeping the soil well stirred, and watering regularly, but not too liberally. Give plenty of sun, and as soon as it is safe to transplant bed the plants a foot apart in a sunny place and cultivate well. The plants have long tap roots, and are not as easily transplanted as some of our annuals. Always choose cloudy, showery weather for this operation, and

carefully guard the plants from sun and wind for a few days till they become established. As the hot summer weather approaches mulch the bed with stable litter, which will retain the moisture and keep the earth cool. If the plants are raised from seeds of good quality, and given proper cultivation fully 50 per cent. of them will bear perfectly double flowers, and the display will continue till after the early frosts of autumn. Rich, deep soil and thorough cultivation will



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Roses in the House.—There are only a few Roses adapted to window culture in winter, and these should be procured as young plants in the spring, and grown carefully during summer, shifting into larger pots as they develop, and cutting back or pruning, syringing, and in other ways promoting a healthy, vigorous growth without blooming. Any buds that appear should be pinched out. When winter comes give the plants a sunny place, and a moist, even temperature, watering regularly. Cover the pots with chopped tobacco stems, and syringe or sponge the leaves frequently. Thus treated such varieties as *Hermosa*, *Francisca Kruger*, *Clothilde Soupert*, *Marie Lambert*, *Archduke Charles*, *Queen's Scarlet* and other sorts almost free from mildew should grow and bloom satisfactorily in winter.

Iris Kæmpferi.—This Iris is a hybrid bearing large and showy flowers of many shades from white to deep purple. It is propagated either from seeds or division of roots, and will not bloom well till thoroughly established, usually in the second or third year. They thrive in a soil composed of loam and peat, but also do well in a deep, rich, tenacious soil, as they will not endure drouth well. It is said they grow and bloom vigorously in a boggy place. Do not attempt to grow them in a shady bed. They are sun-loving plants, and must have a sunny exposure.

The Gold-banded Lily.—Bulbs of this Lily sometimes start without developing buds or flowers, the sprout dying when only a few inches high. In most cases this is due to shallow planting. The best time to plant the bulbs is in the spring, and they should be set eight inches beneath the surface, and in a sunny place. A mulching of stable litter during the hot summer months will be found beneficial, as it will tend to keep the earth cool and moist.

CULTURE OF HYDRANGEAS.

TO have a fine display of large flower clusters upon the Hydrangea, as soon as the old clusters begin to fade cut them away, taking with them a large part of the branch upon which they are produced. New, vigorous sprouts will then push out from the base of the plant, and these can be left untouched till spring. The plants will drop their leaves in the autumn, and should be kept in a cool but frost-proof place through the winter, watering, however, without interruption, as the plants are injured even in a resting state, if allowed to become dust-dry at the roots. As the buds begin to swell toward spring again, cut back to a few eyes, and encourage the growth of new, vigorous sprouts from the base, each one of which will produce a fine large flower-cluster. To promote a vigorous growth use manure water while the plants are developing, but when the buds and flowers appear avoid it if you wish flowers of a clear, bright color. Iron filings may be used then to give a bluish color, and bone-dust to brighten the pink color. A six-inch pot will answer for the same plant for several years, if treated in this way.

Hydrangea paniculata when grown outdoors should be vigorously pruned in the spring. Some persons recommend cutting the plant every year almost to the root—apparently cutting the entire top away. For a grand display of bloom this vigorous pruning is worth adopting. The panicles are not so numerous, but are far larger and show finer flowers. For autumn-blooming this is one of our best shrubs. It is alike useful for either garden or cemetery. It likes a rich, moist loam and sunny exposure.

Hyacinths.—When Hyacinths are planted early in autumn, or when left in the ground from year to year their spikes push out early, and if the winter is mild will often develop partially under the soil. The hard frosts which follow will then destroy many of the embryo buds, and the spikes when they develop will contain only a few bells. The remedy is to plant the bulbs late in the season, and cover the bed with a heavy coat of manure, so that the bulbs may not be readily subjected to the changes of the weather which occur during the winter season. The spikes will not then develop until after the severe frosts of late winter are past.

Acacia lophantha.—Occasionally this lovely plant is attacked by the mealy bug. To rid it of the pest pick off all the larger specimens, and syringe or sponge the foliage and branches with soap suds. Repeat the treatment at intervals of two or three days until the plant is free.

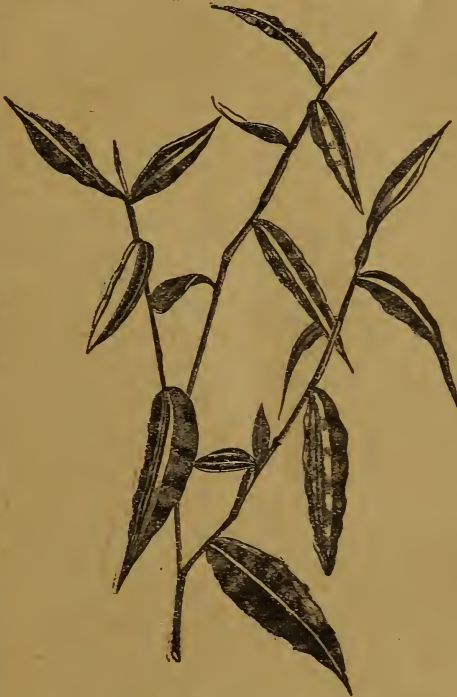
PANICUM VARIEGATUM.

SMILAX.

UNDER the name of *Panicum variegatum* we have a beautiful little greenhouse perennial of the grass family. It is of creeping or spreading habit, and an elegant basket or vase plant, the long, leafy branches hanging over the sides with an air of grace and beauty hardly found in any other plant. The leaves are lance-shaped, white-striped and rosetinted, with exquisitely waved or crimped margins. The little branch shown in the engraving will give some idea of the graceful form of the leaves, but its superb colors must be seen as the branches hang in loose sprays over the sides of the basket or pot, to fully appreciate its beauty.

This lovely grass was introduced from Tropical Asia in 1867. It is not hardy, but is of very easy culture in either the window or conservatory. It must be kept in a warm place during winter, and thrives in a place exposed to a liberal amount of sunshine. Plants may be obtained of many florists. It is readily propagated, and does well in any good, rich, well-drained soil.

In a Sunny Window.—In a sunny window, where the temperature is from 60° to 70° and the atmosphere rather moist, there is no reason why a fine display of bloom should not be enjoyed throughout the winter from pot plants if the proper kinds are used. In such a window *Abutilon Mesopotamicum*, *Lopesia rosea*, *Mesembryanthemum*, *Crassula cordata*, *Geranium Mrs. E. G. Hill*, *Plumbago coccinea*, *Petunias*, *Verbenas*, *Browallia*, *Primroses*, and many other plants should bloom continuously. Keep the temperature in an even condition by the use of a coal-oil stove at night when the weather is severe, should the house-heating facilities allow the air to become chilly, and moisten the atmosphere by an open pan of water upon the stove or register, where the heat will cause rapid evaporation. Keep the foliage clean by sponging often with soapsuds.



PANICUM VARIEGATUM.

THE common botanical name of Boston Smilax is *Myrsiphyllum asparagoides*, the generic name being derived from *Myrsine* (*Myrrh*) and *phyllon* (*leaf*). The specific name, *asparagoides*, means asparagus-like. The plant is now classed with the Lily family. Formerly it was called *Medeola asparagoides*, and was considered a near relative of the Indian Cucumber-root, the pretty and delicate little *Trilliad* found along shaded streams in Pennsylvania and Virginia. The celebrated botanists, Bentham and Hooker, whose great work on classification, consisting of five large volumes in Latin, is considered authority, have classed the plant as an *Asparagus*.

The Boston Smilax was introduced from Southern Africa in 1702. It is a delicate climbing vine with fasciated tuberous roots, like those of *Dahlia*. It blooms freely when old enough, the flowers being of a greenish color, not unlike the flowers of the *Asparagus*. They are deliciously scented, and are succeeded by scarlet berries, which contain the little shot-like seeds. The plant thrives in fibrous loam in partial shade, and should have a string or trellis for support.

Rose for the Cemetery.—For a white Rose in the cemetery nothing excels the hardy white *Maman Cochet*. The flowers are of exquisite form, as large as *La France* and quite as graceful, while they are continuously produced throughout the season. The plant is vigorous, of strong constitution, and bears lovely foliage. It is one of our best white ever-blooming Roses for out-door culture.

Weeping Lantana.—The Weeping Lantana is of very easy culture, and thrives wherever the ordinary upright Lantana will grow. Give it a rich, tenacious soil, an evenly warm, sunny place, and a moist atmosphere, and it will abound with flower clusters throughout the winter months.

BULBS MULTIPLYING-**BEGONIAS.**

THE hardy bulbs multiply rapidly by a little encouragement on the part of the cultivator. Hyacinths expend all their energy in producing small bulbs, when the base is excavated, or the crown quartered, and Tulips, Narcissus and Crocus bulbs are as readily increased as those of the Hyacinth. A few well cared for will soon multiply until they will fill a large bed. The only barrier to the life and health of the Hyacinth in the eastern States is the wet spell which often occurs during the summer and autumn, the usual mode of culture being to leave the bulbs in the ground from year to year. To overcome this trouble lift the bulbs as soon as the foliage begins to turn yellow, dry them thoroughly, and store them in paper bags in a cool place till planting time in the fall. If this is not done some of the more delicate kinds will rot or lose their vitality because of their contact with the wet earth during their resting period.

Jasminum grandiflorum.—This is a species of Jasmine that thrives in a warm greenhouse temperature, and is mostly found in bloom in the summer. It is successfully propagated from cuttings of the firm wood taken in early spring. The cuttings are slow, but almost certain to root when placed in moist sand and kept rather warm and close. When rooted pot in small pots of rich, fibrous loam, and shift into larger pots as the plants develop. In winter water sparingly and let the plants have a season of rest. In summer, while growing and blooming water freely, and give plenty of air and sun. This species does not generally bloom as freely as *J. gracillimum*, nor do the flowers come in large clusters. Its blooming quality is mostly over-praised by florists, but what flowers are borne are pretty and sweet.

Hyacinths Not Starting.—Hyacinths often fail to start when planted beneath the surface and the soil kept wet, and also when placed in water. Under these conditions the rooting surface at the base of the bulb decays either wholly or partially. Keep the soil moist but not wet till the bulb develops its roots, or if grown in water let the base of the bulb be near but not touching the water. See that a Hyacinth is well rooted before it is brought to the light, and then keep the atmosphere moist and not too warm.

Seedling Roses.—The best time to sow seeds of Chinese Roses is in the spring. The seeds should be kept in a cool place in moist sand through the winter to have them germinate promptly.

THESE, whether fibrous or tuberous rooted, require an evenly warm, moist place. They vary somewhat in their power to endure a chilly or dry atmosphere, but all thrive better where their requirements can be fully met. Give them plenty of light, but avoid direct sunlight during noonday in summer. Secure good drainage by a layer of charcoal at the base of the pot, and see that the plants are not over-potted. Give small plants small pots, and shift into larger ones as they grow. Always rest the Rex and Tuberous Begonias for a few weeks in winter, during which period keep the soil barely moist, and the pots in a rather cool place, say 50°. A partial rest should also be given the other sorts when their condition indicates that rest is needed.

Slugs on Ferns.—In the greenhouse or conservatory Ferns are kept in a low, moist open place, where the direct sunlight does not strike them. In such a position slugs often become troublesome. They hide about the base of the pots in daytime, and come out at night and destroy the tender growing fronds. Toads may be regarded as the best remedy. A few of these little creatures will soon eradicate the slug pest from a greenhouse, and will also destroy ants, sow-bugs and other plant enemies. Another remedy is tobacco dust. Place in a line around affected plants. It will keep the slugs off, as they will not cross such a barrier. The pest should also be destroyed wherever it is found.

Hyacinth Lily.—This is the name sometimes given to *Galtonia candicans*. It is a hardy bulb, and will endure from year to year in a sandy, well-drained soil. The plant usually blooms well when set six inches deep in a sunny situation, and left undisturbed. Where the soil is a tenacious clay loam, cold and flat, the bulb will often rot during the winter, its resting period. When planted in such soil the bulbs should be lifted and cared for just as you care for *Gladiolus*, keeping them dry and in a frost-proof place during winter.

Sowing Seeds.—Do not be in too much haste to start your flower seeds. If sown too early the plants often suffer and die before congenial weather comes. It is far better to avoid disappointment by deferring the work until danger from extreme cold is past.

Artillery Plant.—This plant is prized for its dense, delicate branches and foliage. It is easily cultivated, and thrives in a partially shaded place.

AB INTRA.

When north winds blow,
And the drifting snow,
Makes meadow and mountain white,
And back again
To the window pane
The frost-plants come by night;
Yet the spring flowers lost
We can see in the frost,
If the mind and the eye are right.

When life goes wrong,
And a minor song
Puts merrier tones to flight,
And the old world seems
To have lost its dreams
In hard ambition's fight;
Still, the sun is there,
And it brightens care,
If the heart and the soul are right.

Florence Josephine Boyce.
Wash. Co., Vt., Dec. 14, 1898.

OLD AND NEW.

WINTER is closing in around us as we sit by our warm fires these pleasant evenings. How grateful our eyes rest upon the shelves and stands full of choice plants, and although old Boreas is howling outside, here is warmth; and the lovely foliage and blossoms are amply repaying us our trouble and care. All things change, and so with plants. A few years ago a window without a mass of blooms was a rarity. Now in their place stand the stately Palms, the dainty Asparagus, the Maranta, the foliage Begonia, Sansevieria, variegated across with its white and green leaves, the Araucarias with their plumy frond-like branches, Ferns—Ficus, Aspidistra, and the Panicum with that most graceful palm-like foliage. Alocasia gigantia stands sentinel four feet in height. Aloes, Gasterias and Pandanas, plain and variegated, lend their waving leaves to render the winter outside a mock. And not alone the foliage, but now and then a dainty Geranium bloom brightens, while the bulbs send up their spikes of blooms, and the fairy bells of Abutilon seem to ring defiance to the outside cold. Now we can think of the must-haves of next season, for very soon the catalogues with their messages of spring will be before us. Failures we have made and will make, yet we profit by mistakes also. Some of those much lauded plants and seeds were disappointing, but just think of the many varieties still untried. Some of the sweetest remembrances of the past year were in the beauties unfolded to us by new plants or seeds. On glancing over the lists before us, did you ever count how few of those catalogued we really are familiar with? Hardly one in ten, and surely in the nine remaining, there must be some good.

Mrs. Wm. Bain.
Columbia Co., N. Y., Dec. 31, 1898.

ABOUT CACTUSES.

I HAVE 75 varieties of Cactus, and am deeply interested in their culture. I keep the plants setting about on brackets, tables and shelves, only taking care that they are kept warm and dry. Of Opuntias I like best *O. microdasys*. It is a beautiful plant. Such a pretty green and covered with clusters of tiny, brush-like spines. From it to *O. subulata* seems a great distance, so different are they. The latter has no spines and no resemblance to a Cactus. The leaves are round and smooth, much like an *Echeveria*, only slender and the size of a lead pencil. An *Opuntia* that grows like a fan, sending forth little fans around the edges of the central one so thick that they overlap and intertwine, is very pretty. I think I have read somewhere that it is a poor bloomer, but it does not need blooms to make it interesting.

Of *C. colubrinus* I have four, which are all dedicated to grafting. One is sitting warm and snug on the "kitchen mantle shelf" with an *Epiphyllum* secured in its top by a Cactus spine in true orthodox cactus-grafting style. This *Colubrinus* has two shoots, and on the other I intend grafting a small growing *Phyllocactus*. I have not read of this combination, but shall try it and report. One of my most curious plants is *E. Wislizenii* or fishhook. This is globular with clusters of spines, and from the center of each cluster is a much longer, stiffer spine, curved exactly like a fishhook. These primitive hooks were used by the early Indians to catch fish. It has large rose-pink blossoms much like *E. C. pectinatus*. This latter is my best bloomer, not even excepting the Crabs. *M. stella aurata* has small silvery white flowers like paper. It blooms in spring. The plant is depressed in the center, covered with short black spines, and looks like a bird's nest. A beautiful plant is *Rhipsalis saglionis*. It droops over the sides of the basket and is covered in winter with yellow flowers. *O. senecioides* has white stiff hairs five or six inches long, so has *O. senilis*.
Dixie.

Lancaster Co., Pa., Dec. 31, 1898.

Cupid Sweet Peas.—I want to say to the sisters about the Cupid Sweet Peas, don't be discouraged. I tried for three years and failed, but this year I had them bloom lovely in the house. Such compact, lovely little plants! They bloomed all summer, and their perfume is lovely. I grew them in tomato cans about three parts full of earth, and as they grew filled the cans up with earth and never let the hot sun on them. I am going to try them again.

Mrs. Frances Philcox.
Marshall Co., Minn., Dec. 29, 1898.

SWEET ARBUTUS.

Sweet Arbutus, Sweet Arbutus,
 Within the forest gloom,
 You come to grace each sheltered place
 With beauty and perfume;
 Spring's firstling frail, yet unafraid
 Of all the frost king's power,
 So pink and white, so fresh and bright,
 My bonny wild-wood flower.

Sweet Arbutus, Sweet Arbutus,
 Though fair the Roses bloom,
 My heart is thrilled, my soul is filled
 With love till none presume
 To doubt your claim to all my praise;
 O, take your rightful dower,
 Thrice welcome guest, spring's first and
 best,
 My bonny wild-wood flower.

Lalia Mitchell.

Bradford Co., Pa., Nov. 23, 1898.

IN GAY ATTIRE.

INSTEAD of putting the usual half dozen scarlet Geraniums in that bed on the lawn, try Cannas. Here are four "Ladies," with such gay and brilliant robes, that Geraniums, root and branch, will take a back seat in your estimation ever afterwards. Miss Florence Vaughan, has a dress of golden yellow with bright crimson dots all over it; Hortense Barber-ean is bright red, set off by vivid green leaves; Madame Crozy is dressed in crimson and gold, and Queen Charlotte in red with broad gold margin. These brilliant "Ladies" are hearty eaters, and repay attention to their wants with brighter hues and more flowers. The best way is to dig down a foot or more and put in well rotted manure, then soft soil, and keep them well watered. Cannas can be kept for the next season by taking them up in October, cutting off the tops, and when dry putting in a basket with dry soil on top. They will keep well in a frost-proof cellar. Next year the collection can be added to by buying new ones, and in time your bed can be as large and magnificent as your heart desires. Cannas cost a little more than Geraniums, but they keep better through the winter, and are much more brilliant and satisfactory.

Detroit, Mich.

Anna Lyman.

Opuntia monocantha variegata

—This *Opuntia* is a rapid growing Cactus and has the same form as *O. Tuna* and Prickly Pear. It has few spines, one long one, or three in a group, and its surface is smooth and glossy. It is mottled or marbled in gay colors—pale and dark green with cream white, and the new growth tipped with cherry-pink. Its branches, with pinching, into curious designs, is very easy to manage, and altogether is a very ornamental plant.

Marion Howard.

Santa Cruz Co., Cal.

TUBEROUS BEGONIAS.

FEBRUARY and March are not too early to plant bulbs of the Tuberous Begonias if one desires to have them come into bloom while other flowers are still scarce. A warm, well-lighted window is needed for their best development, and a rich, mellow soil. Do not give much water until active growth has commenced. If kept too wet the bulbs will decay. Many of these plants have extremely handsome foliage, some of the leaves being enormous, and would be very beautiful even if they never flowered. But when we add to their fine foliage a never-ending profusion of the most exquisitely lovely flowers we have a plant unexcelled in all the fair kingdom of Flora. All summer long these superb blossoms keep coming with greater and greater prodigality, and even far into the winter they continue if frost can be kept away. But if the temperature becomes very low the tender, transparent-looking stems fall limp and lifeless, and the bulbs only need to be packed in soil where neither cold nor frost can touch them.

Those who do not know this royal flower are amazed when they discover its enormous size and matchless brilliancy of coloring. Some of them are deep, intense scarlet, with immense, thick, waxen petals like soft velvet in texture, and hearts like rich, yellow gold; others are crimson, pink, coral, deep rose, superb yellow, and exquisite pure soft white. They are both double and single, but to me the single ones are the most lovely. The petals are so beautiful and perfect that doubling them does not add to their rare charm. These Begonias should be planted at intervals from February to June.

Mary F. Snider.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 29, 1898.

Aquilegia canadensis.—This is popularly known as the "Canada Columbine," and is one of the prettiest wild flowers, being found in rocky woods throughout the northern United States and Canada, where it attains a height of about two feet, and blooms during the month of June. The individual flowers are about an inch in length, scarlet without, and yellow within—a rare combination of colors. It takes kindly to cultivation, and in the flower border should be given a deep, moderately enriched, well drained soil.

Chas. E. Parnell.

Floral Park, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1899.

Acacia lophantha. I have an *Acacia* seventeen months old, which stands nine and a half feet high, and has at present six bunches of tassel-like bloom and fifteen bunches of buds. The flowers are fragrant.

Mrs. Cora B. Collins.

Lewis Co., N. Y., Dec. 5, 1898.

IN THE RAIN.

When from winter's icy spell,
Burst the brooklets in the dell,
With a song;
When the early robins call,
From the sunny garden wall,
All day long;
When the Crocus shows its face,
And the Fern its dainty grace,
And the Daffodill—
When the Dandelion bright
Decks the fields with golden light,
On the hill;
When the spring has waked the world again,
And the apple blossoms whiten,
And the grasses gleam and brighten,
Then we listen to the rhythmic patter of the rain.

When the Lilies, snowy white,
Gleam across the lakelet bright,
Mid their leaves;
When the twittering swallows fly,
Building nests for bye-and-bye,
'Neath the eaves;
Roses blush in dewy morn,
Bees their honey-quest have gone,
All the day;
And the Daisies starry-bright,
Glisten in the fire-flies' light,
As they may;
When the summer decks the mountain and the plain,
When she binds her golden sheaves,
Then she tilts her glossy leaves,
In the splashing and the dashing of the rain,

When the maple forests redden,
And the sweet Fern brown and deaden,
On the lea;
Straightly furrowed lie the acres,
And we hear the roar of breakers,
Out at sea;
When the birds their columns muster,
And the golden pippins cluster,
On the bough;
And the autumn winds are sighing,
Spring is past, and summer's dying,
Here and now;
And the autumn storms are filled with sounds
of pain,
When the katy-dids are calling,
Then the summer's crown is falling
Through the weeping and the moaning of the rain.

Dubuque, Iowa.

Maude Meredith.

WINTER.

We must live through the stormy winter,
That we may prize the spring;
And the woods must be cold and silent,
Before the robins sing.
The flowers are buried in darkness
Before they can bud and bloom;
And the sweetest and warmest sunshine,
Comes after the pain and gloom.

Though the snow enshrouds the hillside,
And the ground is frozen deep,
And the trees are bare and leafless,
And the flowers are all asleep;
The time is drawing closer,
When the birds will come to cheer,
When snow and ice will vanish,
And the summer flowers appear.

Orange Co., Vt., Dec. 15, 1892. Miss E. B.

PHANTASY.

Out on the pathless prairie
I roam from the cot away,—
Knee deep mid bending grasses—
To view the close of day.

The sun prints with his fingers,
Broad bands of crimson light
Toward the east of his resurrection,
Then dies, and it is night.

Then in the solemn silence
I feel I am all alone;
The brook, the rolling meadows,
The stars,—they are all my own.

"Alone!" The night wind hisses
As he hurries him past my cheek.
"Your own!" the corn blades rustle
The anger they cannot speak.

"Alone!" comes in taunting echoes
From the phantoms of the air,
I feel the force of their presence
Here, there and everywhere.

The spirits of dying flowers
Besiege me with their breath,
My flesh they prickle, my hair they curl,
I am on a field of death!

My eyes are wide with staring
To discern these shapeless things,
My breath comes slow and halting,
In my ears the silence rings.

I am frightened, horribly frightened,
And homeward swiftly fly,
To exchange for the glowing firelight
The multi-peopled sky.

I love the open prairie,
So unconfined, so free,
'Tis often a sympathizing friend,
But tonight it is not to me.

Bessie Johnson-Bellman.

Elk Co., Kan., Dec. 24, 1895.

A VALENTINE.

The snows are in the valleys yet
My lassie, O, my love!
And e'en the Violets forget
When the skies were blue above;
But I have read the faintest sign
Of coming spring—the pulsing wine
That flows through veins of tree and vine,
My lassie, O, my love!

The robin lingers far away,
My lassie, O, my dear!
The blue-birds in the southland stay,
Nor comes the phoebe here.
No leaf is on the wind-swept vine,
No blossoms where the Ivies twine,
But 'tis love's passion pens this line,
My lassie, O, my dear!

The fields and forests dreaming lie,
My lassie, O, my own!
And yet beneath this wintry sky
My heart has warmer grown.
Now while the good St. Valentine
Approves each tender glance of thine,
Look out, and bless this love of mine,
My lassie, O, my love!

Bradford Co., Pa.

Latta Mitchell

AWAKE!

O, Violet blue, how is it with you,
Asleep in your snug little bed?
'Tis time to awake, your toilet to make,
Come, little Violet, lift up your head.

The Narcissus yellow, a gay, dashing fellow,
Is nodding above you in glee;
The Pansies are smiling, the hours beguiling,
Astir is the Iris and Fleur-de-lis.

Little Violet, awake, your blue bonnet shake,
Let the sun kiss the dew gems away,
Your sweet modest face will gladden the place
Through the warm, sunny hours of May.
Wash Co., Vt. S. Minerva Boyce.

RUELLIA MAKOYANA.

IN a recent number of the *Revue Horticole* may be seen an exquisite colored plate of this charming new plant, together with a lengthy description from the pen of Mr. Edward Andre, the editor in chief of that publication.

carrying over 300 flowers at one time. They are of bright carmine red and of large size, making considerable show. It is one of the few plants that delight in a shady place, where others would die, and therefore useful for jardinières, hanging baskets, or as a table plant. No doubt if some of our enterprising seedsmen had it they would consider it the finest acquisition for years.

I understand Mr. Park is to offer it, and can only say that it is one of the very finest plants that I have ever grown, and that none will be disappointed in it.

A. Blanc.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 4, 1899.

[NOTE.—This new *Ruellia* will be mailed as a premium to those who subscribe for the Magazine (25 cts.) this month.—Ed.]

Lantana.—I received nine plants of *Lantana* in June last. Of the nine, eight grew. I took some fertilizer from the chicken house, stirred it deeply into the



BLOOMING PLANT OF RUELLIA MAKOYANA.

I know the plant well, having grown it for more than three years, and the more I see of it the better I like it. It is one of the best introductions of the celebrated establishment of Mr. Jacob Makoy, of Belgium, who recently exhibited it at the great flower show at Ghent.

It forms a graceful, branching plant with beautiful foliage, the upper part of which is a dark olive green, shading to purple, and relieved with silvery veins, while the under part of the leaves are a rich wine color. Almost as soon as the cuttings have made a few leaves the flowers appear in great number, and plants have been shown

ground, perhaps a foot, then put some clean sand in the hole, next to the roots of the little *Lantana* plants, and filled up the rest with prepared soil. I watered them every evening when needed, and in a short time the new leaves began to show. The plants were masses of red, yellow, white, pink and purple all summer. The *Lantana* should have lots of sun, but the roots must have a rich, moist soil. Mulching is very beneficial. I like the *Lantana* as well as the *Geranium*, and find it gives much more bloom than the latter. It is also fine for pots.

Mrs. L. B. Chandler.

Moore Co., N. C., Nov. 17, 1898.

HARDINESS OF PLANTS.

I WOULD like to reply to the article on "Hardiness of Plants" in a former issue of the MAGAZINE. I have lived many years in Iowa and over twelve years in Pennsylvania, where I was a florist for five years. The correspondent says she would like to know what a florist means when he says a thing is hardy. I always tell people that an eastern florist means "hardy" in his neighborhood, and he often does not know that they are not hardy in central Iowa. It ought to be understood that Hermosa, La France, all Tea, Noisette, and Bourbon Roses, Forsythia, Hall's Honeysuckle, Ampelopsis Veitchii, Rhododendrons, Kalmias, etc., are tender in the latitude of Dubuque, Iowa.

Moreover, people here lay down and cover all Roses, (except the common Blush and Cinnamon), including Prairie Queen, Baltimore Belle, Jacqueminot and Mad. Plantier. Tea Roses are expected to die, even though protected. The Editor seems to have overlooked the fact that the correspondent must have left the plants she speaks of uncovered, for she says "killed to the top of the mulch." For years I have trained Hall's Honeysuckle to wires, and unhooked the latter at the top in the fall, laid it down and covered with oak leaves. Soft maple or elm leaves are not woody enough. I prefer to let the plants, after laying down, remain uncovered until the ground is frozen a little, so as to retard growth in the spring. Boards should be laid on top of the covering so as to keep out as much wet as possible. Another thing, I think that while the ground should be such that no water will stand during winter, plants should not go into winter quarters dry. Many plants and shrubs, I believe, have been frozen dry during late years.

G. S. W.

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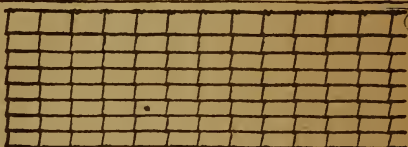
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Opposite, at our left, are the ruins of Katzenbogen, mostly termed "The Cat." The old tower is almost all that remains. It is 20 feet across, and 50 feet high. Back of this the ravine shows a steep, terraced hill, with spired village at the top. At the base of the hill is a square tower well preserved, and a small village.

Again we reach a sharp turn in the river, and here is the rocky cliff known as the Larelai rock, which turns the flowing stream, creating a whirlpool which, in the darker ages, was regarded as an omen of ill-luck or misfortune. Another abrupt turn brings us past Oberwesel and the Schonberg ruins, and in sight of the castle of Gutenfels, built in the 12th century, and destroyed by Napoleon in the beginning of the 19th century. It has an immense square tower, and is a massive structure on an eminence looking both ways on

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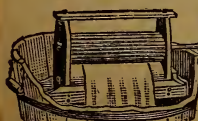
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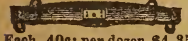
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the river. Just a little further and we pass the castle of Pfalz, which was built in the middle of the river. The tower is octagonal, and the build is not high, but of peculiar shape, with a massive, sharp-edged abutment at the upper side to break the force of the current, and to cut the ice. The only entrance was a small sliding door, six or eight feet above a rock, and reached by a ladder, which was drawn up before the door was secured in time of danger. This castle was used to rob the merchants who attempted to navigate the river in feudal times.

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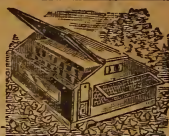
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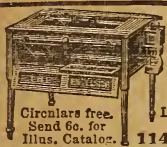
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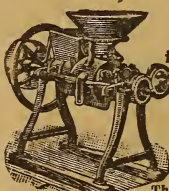


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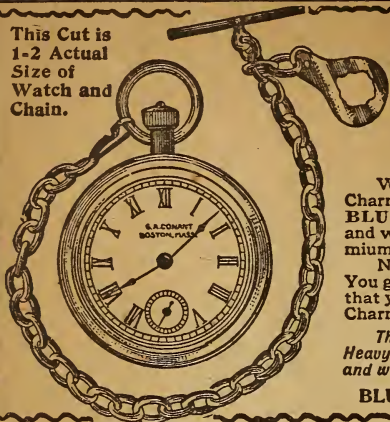
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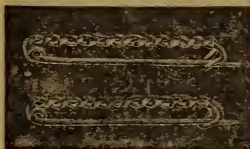
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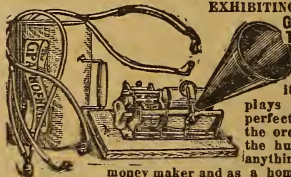
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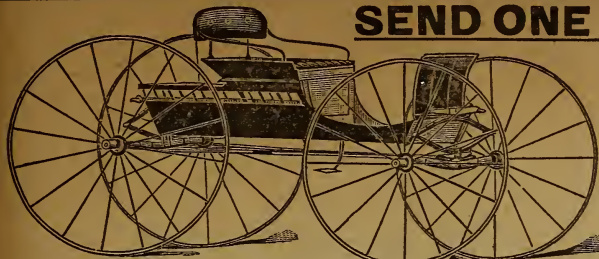
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For, in each snowy flake
Such wondrous forms combine;
The trees, enrobed in garb of purest white,
The earth, enapt in grandeur still sublime,
God's hand
This beauty all hath given.
But, as the storm clouds pass away
What wondrous transformation
Doth sweep o'er nature's face.
All earth is robed anew with blaze of light,
The sun with warming ray,
The gentle rain and dew
All join at God's command;
And grasses first,
Then leaves,
Then lovely mass of bloom
Come forth to greet the earth.
Ah! beauty everywhere;
The rippling brook
Embank'd with fern and moss
And Violets hiding there,
And bird song overhead.
The bolder beauty of the hill and plain,
Where riotous bloom comes forth
In daring loveliness,
The garden where the regal beauty of the rose
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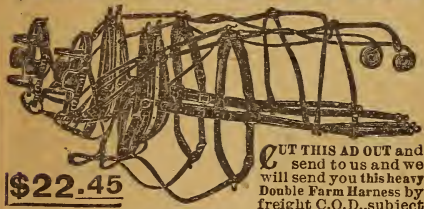
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Ella Georgia Bleech.

Hillsdale Co., Mich., Dec. 8, 1898.

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Dear Mr. Park:—We get your Magazine and like it very well indeed. I am eleven years old, and especially like to read the poems printed in it, so thought, as you printed so many, you might like to have one of mine. I will put it at the end of this letter.

EVENING.

The trees are whispering low,

Telling secrets of long ago,

And the moon casts flickering shadows

To and fro.

The stars are whispering too,

And the thought of me and you

Travel far, far up into the

Arch of blue.

The little birdlings sweet,

Have said their last sweet, sleepy tweet,

And, see! the breezes make

The flowerlets meet.

Beatrix Eddy.

Marquette Co., Mich., Dec. 1, 1898.

Dear Mr. Park:—The Magazine has been coming to my mother for several years, and we love it dearly. All of our flowers got frozen, but we will try to start again next summer. I am eight years old, and have six brothers and two sisters.

Alta Barnest.

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